

Hartford Elementary



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Literacy Night

Literacy night was Tuesday, January 17th. Parents and students came to the school for pizza and reading. After reading stories, the students took quizzes on the computer and spent their points earned at our Trojan Buck Store. What fun!



February Events:

- Friday, February 3rd - Call by this date to register for Kindergarten Screening.
- Friday, February 3rd - End of Souper Bowl food collection
- Wednesday, February 8th - Health Assessments
- Friday, February 10th - Dental Presentation to Kindergarten students
- Monday, February 13 - Dismissal @ 1:00
- Monday, February 13th - Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30 - 5:00; 5:30 - 8:30
- Monday, February 13th - School Board Meeting @ 5:30
- Tuesday, February 14th - Valentine's Party 2:15
- Tuesday, February 14th - Tyler Tuesday for February/June/July birthdays
- Wednesday, February 15th - Yearbook Orders Due
- Friday, February 17th - No School
- Monday, February 20th - No School
- Tuesday, February 21st - Bookmobile
- Friday, February 24th - Trojan Buck Store

The January Birthday Bash

The January and June Birthday Bash was held on Wednesday, January 11th. Mrs. Tyler read "Happy Birthday to You" by Dr. Seuss, and each birthday child received a pencil, a card, a Trojan Buck, and a fruit snack. Happy birthday to all the January and June birthdays!



January Kindergarten Birthdays

Jocelyn (1-11), Zachary (1-12), Jesse (1-22), Hailey (1-2), Lauren (1-1), and Cecilia (1-20)



January First Grade Birthdays

Back Row: MaKayla (1-25), Meghan (1-25), Stormee (1-31), Curtis (1-13), and Connor (1-20)
Front Row: Collin (1-27), Wyatt (1-20), Christopher (1-14), Kennith (1-2), and Carter (1-20)



Second Grade January Birthdays

Elizabeth (1-4), Kyler (1-8), Trace (1-26), Grace (1-16), and Megan (1-12)

TYLER TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 14TH

11:00 AM

FOR FEBRUARY/JUNE/
JULY BIRTHDAYS!

CALL PAM @ 528-3215 TO
REGISTER

The June Birthday Bash



Kindergarten June Birthdays

Jacob (6-8), Alyza (6-29), Rogelio (6-6), and Cooper (6-4)



Second Grade June Birthdays

Back Row: Jacob (6-6), Grace (6-18), Emma (6-26), Andrew (6-26), Lily (6-24)
Front Row: Lydia (6-7), Karlye (6-6), and Peyton (6-12)



First Grade June Birthdays

Back Row: Sean (6-6), Aleah (6-29), Trevor (6-11), Dalton (6-3), and Miranda (6-22)
Front Row: Quinn (6-18), Tyler (6-22), Evy (6-14), Caitlyn (6-30)

West Central PTA Meeting

Tuesday, February 7
7:00 pm

High School Library

Save the Dates!

If you have a child who will turn five by September 1st, 2012, please put these dates on your calendar.

Kindergarten Registration

Please call 528-3215 (press 0) to register your child and sign up for a screening time by Friday, February 3rd.

Kindergarten Screening Days

Tuesday, March 27th @ Humboldt Elementary 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 29th @ Hartford Elementary 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Because we need the kindergarten teachers to administer the screening, there will be NO Kindergarten classes on Thursday, March 29th and Friday, March 30th. Parents of current kindergarten students will need to make other arrangements for their child on those dates.



Stormee Klein won the \$10.00 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble after registering at Literacy Night. Congratulations, Stormee!

Milk Breaks

There seems to be some confusion with our milk breaks vs. our breakfast and lunch programs. All grades have a milk break once a day. Kindergarten has a milk break twice, but they use small cups for milk, so each child only uses one milk per day.

It costs \$.30 for a milk. This comes from your child's lunch money account, but a milk break does not count as free even if you qualify for a free or reduced lunch.

So if your child is taking milk during the milk break, your lunch account is being charged \$.30 per day whether or not your child qualifies for free or reduced lunches. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Tyler @ 528-3215.





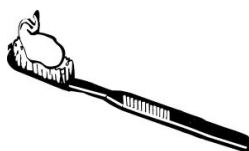
Nurse's Notes

by Rachel Sehr, School Nurse

February health activities include:

- 5th grade puberty talk will take place on Thursday, February 2 and Friday, February 3.
 - Parents may preview the puberty video on Monday, January 30 at 6:30 in the Humboldt Elementary library.
 - Permission slips were sent home with all 5th grade students. They are due Thursday, February 1. Any student not returning a permission slip will not be allowed to participate in the class.
 - Information on the program used can be found at <http://pgschoolprograms.com/puberty/> Health screenings will continue at the Hartford Elementary on February 8 and at the Humboldt Elementary on February 22.
 - Parents will be notified of any concerns.
- The Hartford Dental Clinic will be talking to the kindergarteners about oral hygiene.
 - They will be at the Hartford Elementary on Friday, February 10 and the Humboldt Elementary on Thursday, February 23.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns at Rachel.Sehr@k12.sd.us or 528-3321, Ext. 1410.



Souper Bowl

We collect food pantry items during Super Bowl week. This year the donations will go to our Hartford Food Give Away through Central Valley Church. We would like to collect soup related items during the week leading up to the Super Bowl. This year it's January 30 - February 3rd. The Super Bowl is February 5th, 2012. Each day of the week, the students may bring in something different (any item will be appreciated). See the suggestions for each day below:

Monday, January 30 - Chicken soup
Tuesday, January 31 - Tomato soup
Wednesday, February 1 - Sandwich Day (Peanut Butter, Tuna, Canned Meat)
Thursday, February 2 - Vegetable Soup
Friday, February 3 - Cream Soup (Wear football/sports shirt)

We will have a football graph in the hallway. Each class will compete against the others. For each item brought, each class will move their football player 5 yards. Once they go 100 yards, they score 7 points. At the end of the week, we will see which class wins the "Souper Bowl". We would also like students to wear a football or sports related shirt on Friday, February 3rd, if they have one.

I can see this become a math lesson in most of our classrooms. We will reward the winners with an extra recess along with a new sports ball for their classroom. But truthfully, everyone wins. Giving, in and of itself, can be very rewarding!

Thanks for your help!
Mrs. Tyler

Reflections -

by Mrs. Tyler



The Miracle of Every Day

There are many moments in life that “take your breath away” even when we don’t always notice. But if we’re given the time to think about it, we realize the miracle of the moment.

When I was younger, I remember my first car. What a rush! I was teaching at my first job in Centerville - making a whopping \$8,100.00 per year. It was enough for me to make car payments on a Chevy. It was a small 4 door, manual transmission, and it was brown. Then came buying a house in Hartford when I received a teaching job back in my hometown. Marriage and children came after that. When my first child was born, I remember saying to my husband, “I thought other things in my life were important, but nothing compares to this.”

Fast forward to today. I could go on about my life, because obviously that’s what I know. But I’d rather talk about a teacher named Correne Gordon. She taught for two years in Montrose and then the rest of her career in Lennox. She took early retirement two years ago and has been subbing in our building for the past year and a half.

She wasn’t a flashy sub. She came early, got to know the kids, wrote notes to the teachers explaining what was accomplished that day, was structured, and she knew her way around the classroom. She was our “go to” sub...the first one on the list to call, because we knew she would follow the plans and learning would continue. She talked lovingly of her grandchildren, her trip coming up to Hawaii in March, and many everyday things.

She died this past Friday. Suddenly at age 58, a truly gifted educator is gone from our building and our lives. While many of you don’t know her, you probably would remember her face from seeing her in your child’s classroom

or around the school. And certainly the kids won’t notice so much, because she was not in their room daily. But we will miss her.

There are many small miracles that we witness daily and don’t take the time to appreciate. She was one. She took our breath away in that everyday kind of way.



Yearbook Orders

\$12.00

Due by
February
15th



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Love & Logic Winning Through Losing

Do you like to lose? Most of us don't. In fact, some of us dislike it so much that we'll do whatever it takes to make sure that our kids are always winners. When they win this way, they always lose.

I sat on the living room floor, playing a simple board game with our four-year-old, Cody. As we took turns picking cards, the odds seemed consistently in his favor...he was nearing the always coveted goal of being the first to enter Candy Land.

Luck is a fickle friend.

Based on some quick calculations, it was clear to me that doom was on the horizon. His next card was sure to send him back a long way...far from carbohydrate heaven. Tension filled my body. Surely there was something I could do to prevent him from experiencing such despair. Maybe I could distract him and rearrange the cards so that he'd win.

Fighting this desire...I allowed him to be the loser. The tears and crying were heartbreaking. That is, until I remembered that learning about losing is part of life.

Loving parents allow their children to develop winning skills by allowing them to experience disappointments, make small mistakes, and experience the natural and logical consequences. Shielding them from all of life's hardships sends the message that they aren't strong enough to cope with their losses. Loving them through their sadness allows them to win every time they lose.

Dr. Charles Fay

A Visit to Leisure Living



Classes from Hartford Elementary visited Leisure Living in Hartford to sing for the residents there. What a wonderful opportunity to connect today's youth with our senior generation!



Help Us Save!

Check out the following ways to help us out!



Box Tops for Education

Just clip, put in a baggie and return to school!
There is also a drop box at Sunshine.



Save Five for Schools

Just wash these milk and juice lids and send to school in a baggie (or Sunshine). Watch for store specials! We need the WHOLE lid!



Labels for Education

This is not just Campbell's Soup Labels anymore! There are many products that qualify. Check it out at labelsforeducation.com. You can send labels to school with your child or drop in box @ Sunshine.

Cell Phones/Ink Cartridges

You can drop off old cell phones or ink cartridges and we can recycle and get money back. There is a box inside our front door.

Lunch Schedules

If you want to come and eat with your child, here are the lunch schedules:

- 1A 11:10 - 11:40 - Mrs. Knuth
- 1B 11:15 - 11:45 - Mrs. Underberg
- 1C 11:20 - 11:50 - Mrs. O'Hara
- 1D 11:25 - 11:55 - Mrs. Graff
- 1E 11:30 - 12:00 - Ms. Henry
- KA 11:40 - 12:10 - Mrs. Wolles
- KB 11:45 - 12:15 - Mrs. Even
- KC 11:50 - 12:20 - Mrs. Cole
- KD 11:55 - 12:25 - Mrs. Weber
- 2A 12:05 - 12:35 - Mrs. Mriden
- 2B 12:10 - 12:40 - Mrs. Spielmann
- 2C 12:15 - 12:45 - Mr. Jacobs

CGI Corner

Eric has 12 golf balls. He finds some more in the basement. Now Eric has 31 golf balls. How many golf balls did Eric find in the basement?

